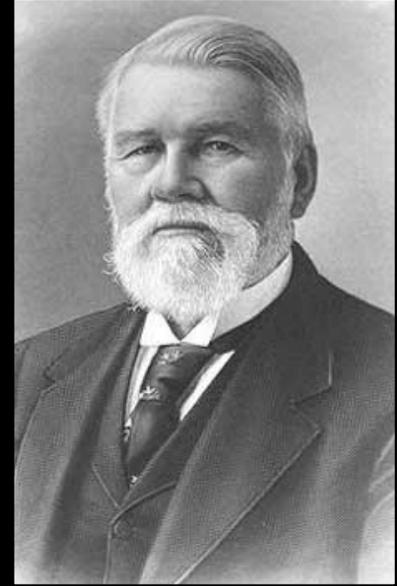




This Week in Indiana History

The Gatling Gun is Patented: November 4th, 1862

On this day, Indianapolis inventor, Richard Gatling patented his newest creation, the Gatling Gun. It was a crank operated, rapid fire weapon, and the forerunner to what most now know as the Machine Gun. It was employed late in the American Civil War, and used in the Spanish-American War.



The newly invented gun of Richard J. Gatling, of this city, was put through an experimental trial yesterday, with blank cartridges, at the State House square, in the presence of the Governor and a large crowd of citizens. It operates very successfully and will certainly prove to be a weapon of war both novel and deadly.

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